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SUBJECT: FRICTION BETWEEN WORLD FOOD COUNCIL (WFC) AND FOOD
AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION (FAO) ABOUT OBSERVER
STATUS IN THIRD-AGENCY MEETINGS

1. SECRETARIAT OFFICER REPORTS WFC HAS JUST GAINED OBSERVER STATUS FOR ITSELF IN NORTH-SOUTH TALKS IN PARIS, OVERCOMING FAO EFFORTS TO REPRESENT ALSO WFC AND RELATED ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.
2. WFC SECRETARIAT HAS ALSO ASKED FAO FOR INVITATION TO ATTEND ECLA-FAO MEETING SCHEDULED APRIL 21-29 IN LIMA. FAO SECRETARIAT HAS DEFERRED RESPONSE UNTIL FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL RETURNS FROM VISIT TO NEW YORK MEETING OF UN RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE.
3. WFC SECRETARIAT IS PLANNING TO SEEK INVITATIONS TO ATTEND SESSIONS OF UN REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS, RELYING ON ITS OWN UN ORGAN STATUS.
4. COMMENT: IT IS REGRETTABLE THAT WFC IS ASSUMING ITS LEG-

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ITIMATE ROLE OF PARTICIPATION IN THIRD-AGENCY CONFERENCES IN

ATMOSPHERE OF FRICTION WITH FAO. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO
CONTINUES TO STRESS TO BOTH WFC AND FAO OFFICERS NEED AND ROOM
FOR COOPERATION AND COLLABORATION. VOLPE

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